



2009 JSR Student Award Winner // Yekaterina Yushmanova

The JSR Foundation is proud to announce Yekaterina Yushmanova as the 2009 JSR Student Award Winner. From numerous entries Yekaterina's (Katya's) submittal *Changing Perspective: Farming Habitat* most represented the ideals of the JSR Foundation. This study focused on the Lower Pat Hurley Neighborhood in Albuquerque, New Mexico, where a designed intervention is to serve as a catalyst to improve the quality of life of the residents. Overlapping recreational uses and habitat restoration along the Rio Grande River while promoting environmental awareness is the foundation to this award winning project.

Upon receiving her Bachelor's degree in Art History from the University of Culture and Art in Saint Petersburg, Russia, Katya moved to Albuquerque, New Mexico. Living in the American Southwest, she started to develop an appreciation for the stark and fragile beauty of the desert, so different from her native Siberia. In order to gain a deeper understanding of plants and ecology she began working first as a gardener, then as a garden designer, and eventually decided to apply to the Master's program in Landscape Architecture at the University of New Mexico. Katya's professional goal is to bring aesthetics together with ecological restoration, waste-site re-use and remediation, environmentally sound urban design, and sustainable water management practices.